



# Jenny Lind Elementary School



October 2022

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Principal:** Pao Vue, 612-668-2020

**Asst. Principal:** Mercedes Walker, 612-668-2020

**School Secretary:** Lee Hibbard, 612-668-2023

**Parent Liaison:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**Transportation:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**Health Office:** Tressie Mitchell: 612-668-2033

**Community Educ:** Gail Jackson: 612-668-2044

**MPS Transportation:** 612-668-2300

**Tech Support:** 612-668-0088

**Attendance:** 612-668-2033

on 10/12/22 for Site Council to share your feedback.

As the air starts to get crisp and the leaves start to change, we look forward to sharing a smile and an encouraging word with you about your student in the coming weeks. Please keep your eye on the Jenny Lind website as well as our Facebook site for the most up to date information.

See you soon!

Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker

## SAVE THE DATE

October 12<sup>th</sup>: Site Council 5:00-6:30pm

October 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>: No School/Conferences

Link to school calendar:

[sy\\_calendar - english - 2022-23.pdf \(mpls.k12.mn.us\)](https://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school-calendar-english-2022-23.pdf)

## Principals' Corner

Hey Lind Family!

The school year is off to a powerful start and we are excited to report that Jenny Lind is enrolled beyond projections and growing every day! As you may have heard, we started the school year short staffed, but our Jenny Lind team has been working hard to promote from within as well as recruit their friends and family. We are on our way to being fully staffed, but still have open positions that can be found [here](#).

Since we came back together, we have been working on building community and doing beginning of the year assessments in reading and math. Teachers have been working with students to conference about their strengths and areas of growth, and set goals that they are excited to share with you at conferences this month. We are also working on looking at all of our Jenny Lind data through a targeted needs assessment process and hope that you will consider joining us

## SCHOOL DAY

Please remember, our school day begins at 7:30am. Students are welcome in the building at 7:15am. We've had a lot of students arriving between 7:40 and 8:00 which causes disruptions to their classroom's schedule. Pick up time is 2:00pm. Children should not be in the building before 7:15 or after 2:15pm. We thank you for your cooperation.



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## CONFERENCES

It is that time of year, time for Fall Conferences! Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:00pm and Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-3:00pm. Please click on the link below to schedule your child's conference.

[Schedule List - Jenny Lind Elementary MyConferenceTime](#)

## Social Worker Update

Mr. Cross and Mr. Travis are excited to see our old friends and so many new faces this year! We are also pleased to welcome Julie Gullickson as a school counselor to our team! She will also be supporting students social and emotional needs and helping prepare them for middle school and beyond!! As a reminder we are here to support your child and your family in any way that we can. We've seen an increase in need for resources and mental health support across our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out! We can meet 1:1 with students, we lead small groups about a variety of topics, and we also have resources we can pass along to you. The Stable Home Stable Schools program is still going through requirements have changed a lot this year – we can make referrals for eviction prevention support. Look forward to talking with you soon! Please reach out if we can help.

[Travis Hayes – Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 612-467-9720](#)

[Nick Cross – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 612-351-2206](#)

## Health Office

Hello Jenny Lind students and families! The Health Office staff wants to welcome you to the new school year! A way that families can help support health and safety of their students at school is to send a change of clothes in the backpack to be kept either in your student's classroom or locker. We have a limited supply of extra clothes and this will ensure your student is prepared for any accidents that may happen. Thank you!

## School Counselor News

Hello JL community, I am the new part-time school counselor supporting your students in academics, social emotional learning, and college and career readiness. While I am still getting settled in this role, I am enjoying whole class support in 4/5, 3rd grade lunch group, and checking in with individual students as needed. What I am noticing is the power of specific praise to support positive behavior and academic effort. Specific praise goes beyond “good job” and highlights the specific effort of a student. For example, “I really liked how you raised your hand and answered the question. You helped your classmates understand what hate speech is during class today”. Thank you for supporting your students at home – Julie Gullickson

Below is a good summary of the role of school counselors (if room to include or fits)



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## What does a

### SCHOOL COUNSELOR DO?

- HELPS STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY, IN SMALL GROUPS, AND IN CLASSROOM LESSONS
- TEACHES SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS, ACADEMIC SKILLS, AND ABOUT CAREERS
- TALKS WITH STUDENTS AND STAFF ABOUT IDENTITY, RACE, AND EQUITY
- WORKS AS A TEAM WITH FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS TO HELP STUDENTS BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

For the month of October in High 5 our theme is My Family & Feelings. We will focus on the following skills in each academic area:

#### Literacy:

- letter identification and letter sounds- S P & T
- rhyming
- alliteration
- repeated read-aloud
- theme vocabulary
- first name writing
- journal writing

#### Math:

- counting, 0-20

- shapes (circle & square)
- patterns
- counting backward, 10-0
- one-one correspondence
- number identification 1 & 2

#### Science:

- season, fall
- daily weather

#### SEL:

- feelings (sad, happy, mad & afraid)
- social problem-solving
- sharing & taking turns

### Kindergarten

The kindergarteners are busy learning and following classroom procedures, routines, and rules. In math, we are exploring our math tools and building numbers up ten. In phonics, we just learned our first letter of the week, c, as in "cat". Be sure to ask your child about our letter of the week. In science, we will begin our Trees and Weather unit. Please pack a change of clothes to keep in your child's locker for accidents, such as bathroom and illnesses.

### 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Students are doing a good job learning the rules, routines and procedures of our classroom.

First Graders are learning about being a good citizen. In math students are learning about number combinations using numbers 1-10.

Mrs. Lewis from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts will visit us to practice Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS).

We will go outside every day, weather permitting. Please make sure your child has appropriate shoes to avoid injuries. **No flip-flops, fancy shoes or high heels.** As the weather cools, remember to send a **sweater** to school to keep your child comfortable

Practice tying shoes at home, we do not teach this at school.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Literacy Block we will be working on main idea and supporting details when we read. We will be reading non-fiction texts and deciding what the entire text is about and the key details about the main idea. The kids are going to have a great time learning about new and amazing habitats, creatures, and bugs!

Math we will be moving into Unit 2. Unit 2 will cover place value, measurement and money. We will also continue our Number Corner and building upon our facts of 20 and patterns within our calendar.

Please remember to send your child with a jacket, gloves and a hat as the temperatures begin to get colder. We have recess every day and want to keep everyone warm and happy!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

The first month of school is off to a great start! Our third graders have been working diligently on mastering the routines, rituals and procedures for our school year! We have been working in Unit 1 of our new math curriculum – Bridges. We have also started our phonics curriculum, Groves! In our first month for literacy, we have been reading stories to build community and relationships! Please be on the lookout for your third graders planner that is sent home daily! This needs to be looked at and signed by an adult 😊 Homework will be starting after MEA break! Minneapolis public schools “snack program” has not started yet, so if you would like to send a snack with your student you are more than welcome!

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello Supernova families,

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been working hard on our classroom procedures and expectations. We have started our rotations for Math, Reading, and SEL and they are starting to get in the flow of this new schedule. In Math, we are working on multiplication and extending our understanding of the concept. In Reading, we spent the month of September building our reading community. In October, we will begin Unit 1 of Benchmark. In SEL, we have been working on showing respect, empathy, and listening attentively. We are looking forward to a great year and have enjoyed getting to know our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders over the past month.

## SPECIALISTS

### Music:



In the music room, we have been learning the basics of singing, rhythm, and musical instruments in high 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade particularly enjoyed learning to sing and play xylophones at the same time while High 5 students have been singing songs about farm animals, like "Old MacDonald" and learning how to keep the



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beat. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been trying out and choosing instruments and are very excited and enthusiastic about playing their first note and learning to assemble their instruments.

## Physical Education

H5-2nd are working on bodily control and transitioning to safe tag games. 3rd-5th is wrapping up football and transitioning to soccer next week.

## Dance

This month in dance: we started the 3rd week of school and have been trying to jump right in! We have been learning some fundamental moments and some new stretches. Our main focus for this month is creating a safe and fun place to dance!

## Media Center

### **Student Technology:**

We are in the process of checking out district-issued technology to all students. Grades 2 through 5 have received Chromebooks, and Hi-5 through 1<sup>st</sup> will be receiving iPads. Students were given a copy of the MPS Student Device Handbook and asked to sign a Technology Use Pledge, acknowledging their responsibility to care for their devices and use their technology safely and appropriately. Please review the Handbook and help your student to uphold this pledge.

### **Library/Media Center:**

Jenny Lind received over 1600 new books this summer! We are excited to get the books on our shelves and get students back into the library for book checkout starting sometime in October.

Want to join our JL Community?  
Please join us at Site Council! Our first meeting is on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Dinner and childcare are provided! Reach out to our parent liaison, Rochelle at 612-668-2027 if you have any questions



After school programs are back!  
The Jenny Lind After School fall session will start November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Classes will occur on **Monday** and **Wednesdays** from **2:00-5:00 pm**.  
**Registration until October 17<sup>th</sup> online**  
**@ [After School Youth Classes - Minneapolis Public Schools \(eleyo.com\)](#)**

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